



Citizens Advisory Task Force Review



Thursday, August 1, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

The Citizens Advisory Task Force Committee conducted a meeting on **Thursday, August 01, 2019**, beginning at 10:00AM.

CALL TO ORDER by Helene Wetherington, Disaster Recovery Director, Monroe County

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Natalie Duke	Absent
Jerry Lieberman	Absent
Rhonda Haag	Present
Julie Cheon,	Present
Kathy Komis	Absent
Vaslin Marmillion	Present
Edward Russo	Present
Vicki Boguszewski	Present
Caroline Horn	Absent
Robert Glazer	Absent
Lisa Kaul	Present
Jerry Lorenz	Absent
Heather Carruthers	Absent

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

Kevin Wilson, Assistant County Administrator	Present
Jeff Manning, Senior Planner Emergency Management, Monroe County	Present
Deb London, Monroe County Engineering	Present
Helene Wetherington, Disaster Recovery Director	Present
David Hackworth, FKA Principal Engineer	Present

MEETING

The Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) developed a Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Action Plan and allocated \$85 million for the Infrastructure Repair and Mitigation Program. The purpose is to repair damage to infrastructure while mitigating against future damage.

Eligible activities include the Construction and rehabbing of Public facilities damaged by Hurricane Irma; Demo/Rehab of publicly or privately owned commercial or industrial buildings; re-nourishment of protective coastal dunes systems and State beaches; Repairs to damaged buildings that are essential to health, safety, and welfare of a community; Economic Revitalization (restoring local economy) and any other project that would provide match for other federal program.

The Citizens Advisory Task Force is asked to review two proposals that will be presented to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for funding through the Infrastructure Repair and Mitigation Program:

1. Monroe County Sand Subdivision Road Elevation and Drainage Improvement – The Sands Subdivision (low income population) on Big Pine Key experienced some of the most extensive damage and flooding due to Hurricane Irma. Monroe County is proposing to elevate roadways in this area and install a “pump and treat” drainage system. It will be the first system of its’ kind to be installed in the County. The roads will be elevated up to 11 inches, as currently some roads are elevated at less than 3 inches. The County purchased a vacant lot which will be used for the drainage infrastructure. Most of the system will be underground, except for the generator which will be fenced in on the County owned lot. The estimated cost for this project will be \$2.5 million. The County will proceed with this project regardless of whether CDBG-DR funding is approved or not. This project is detailed in the Green Keys Plan. Solar was not considered for the drainage infrastructure, however, Kevin Wilson confirmed that it could be considered. The Committee agreed that the ‘Art in public places’ requirement does not apply to this project. This is one of two projects in the pilot program.
2. Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority is proposing a Stock Island Reverse Osmosis Alternative Water Supply Rehabilitation and Improvement Project. The FKAA has had this water facility on Stock Island for a long time; however, it was damaged by hurricane Irma. This system converts seawater to drinking water. This is a vital source of drinking water for the vulnerable Island community that relies upon water lines to carry the water from the mainland. Reverse osmosis, is a very expensive process. Their goal of the project is to repair and improve this facility in order to ensure a redundant lifesaving source of water during emergencies. The cost for this project will range between \$30-40 million. Ms. Cheon also confirmed that this facility will serve the Military base.

Helene Wetherington clarified that each local government entity can submit one application each. Therefore, the Citizen’s Advisory Task Force may approve both proposals for grant funding.

Committee Members voted to endorse the two Resolutions provided by Monroe County and the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority (FKAA)

Rhonda Haag	<u>YES</u>
Julie Cheon	<u>YES</u>
Vaslin Marmillion	<u>YES</u>
Edward Russo	Not present during time of vote
Vicki Boguszewski	<u>YES</u>
Lisa Kaul	<u>YES</u>

ADJOURNMENT

The Citizens Advisory Task Force Review Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:37am



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CDBG-DR Infrastructure Repair Program Grant Application



Sands Subdivision Road Elevation and Drainage Improvement Project, Big Pine Key & Stock Island Reverse Osmosis (SIRO) Alternative Water Supply Rehabilitation and Improvement Project

AGENDA, August 1, 2019, 10:00 am

Conference Call (via Zoom 4): +1 (646) 558-8656 Meeting ID 986-514-4209

Or <https://mcbocc.zoom.us/j/9865144209?status=success>

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- Introduction of the Community Development Block Grant Program – Disaster Recovery, Infrastructure Repair and Mitigation Grant
- Program Eligibility Requirements
- Monroe County proposal for Big Sand Subdivision road elevation and drainage improvement project
- Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority Stock Island Reverse Osmosis (SIRO) Alternative Water Supply Rehabilitation and Improvement Project
- Citizen Advisory Task Force Discussion and Recommendation
 - Review of Resolution for Board of County Commissioners
 - Review of Resolution for Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority Board of Directors

DRAFT
RESOLUTION NO. ____ - 2019

A RESOLUTION BY THE MONROE COUNTY CLIMATE CHANGE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ASKING THE MONROE COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-DISASTER RECOVERY
PROGRAM INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR AND MITIGATION GRANT
APPLICATION FOR THE SANDS SUBDIVISION ROAD ELEVATION
AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Sands Subdivision on Big Pine Key experienced some of the most extensive damage and flooding due to Hurricane Irma storm surge which was exacerbated by the low elevation of the area; and

WHEREAS, the repetitive flooding and long-term impacts of sea level rise threaten to limit access to the residential areas; and

WHEREAS, the County passed a Resolution in January, 2011 establishing the Climate Change Advisory Committee (“CCAC”) to make recommendations regarding community mitigation and adaptation strategies; and

WHEREAS, The Monroe County Climate Action Plan addresses action items and goals including B-2.1 relating to infrastructure resilience; and

WHEREAS, The State of Florida is accepting applications for the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Program Infrastructure Repair and Mitigation Program Grant for infrastructure which was impacted by Hurricane Irma; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Change Citizens Advisory Committee serving as the Citizen Advisory Task Force reviewed the funding application on July 10, 2019 in compliance with Florida Department of Economic Opportunity requirements; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Monroe County Climate Change Citizen Advisory Committee acting as the Citizen Advisory Task Force recommends:

Section 1. The Monroe County, Board of County Commissioners approve the submission of the CDBG-DR Infrastructure Repair and Mitigation Grant application for the elevation and drainage improvement of Father Tony Way between Avenue D and Avenue J on Big Pine Key Florida to ensure long-term access to residential areas serviced by this road.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Citizen’s Advisory Task Force this 1st day of August, 2019.

Signature:

**DRAFT
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

A RESOLUTION BY THE MONROE COUNTY CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ASKING THE FLORIDA KEYS AQUEDUCT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR AND MITIGATION GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE STOCK ISLAND REVERSE OSMOSIS ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Stock Island Reverse Osmosis (SIRO) facility received significant structural damage during Hurricane Irma; and

WHEREAS, the SIRO provided a critical water supply during Hurricane Irma when the Authority’s potable water supply was inoperable; and

WHEREAS, the SIRO water supply and rehabilitation project will provide a fully independent secondary source of potable water to mitigate against current and future risk of severe storms, severe drought events, loss of transmission capability, or contamination of mainland ground water supply; and

WHEREAS, the County passed a Resolution in January 2011 establishing the Climate Change Advisory Committee (“CCAC”) to make recommendations regarding community mitigation and adaptation strategies; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Climate Action Plan addresses action items and goals relating to infrastructure resilience; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is accepting applications for the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Program Infrastructure Repair and Mitigation Program Grant for infrastructure which was impacted by Hurricane Irma; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Monroe County Climate Change Citizen Advisory Committee acting as the Citizen Advisory Task Force recommends:

Section 1. The Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority Board of Directors approve the submission of the CDBG-DR Infrastructure Repair and Mitigation Grant application for the Stock Island Reverse Osmosis alternative water supply rehabilitation and improvement project to ensure the preservation of sustainability of life, health, safety and welfare in the event the Keys potable water supply is becomes unavailable.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Citizen’s Advisory Task Force this 1st day of August, 2019.

Signature: